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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In May 2004, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **four (4) recalls relating to products affecting children.**

Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128.**

Following is a listing of the 9 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ DK Publishing is recalling Children's Board Books with Sound Maker. #04-134
- ❖ Coaster Co. of America is recalling Bunk Beds. #04-135
- ❖ Baby Trend is recalling certain Baby Trend "Passport" Strollers. #04-136
- ❖ Backyard Products is recalling Swings. #04-145

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 04-134 DK Publishing Inc., of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 214,000 Children's Board Books with Sound Makers. The heavy cardboard books were sold under eight different titles that feature photos or illustrations of the title theme: Dinosaurs, Emergency! (with a fire truck on the cover), Kitty's Adventure, On The Road (with a yellow Volkswagen Beetle on the cover), Puppy's Busy Day, Tractors, Trains and Trucks. All the books have a raised sound button in the lower right corner, which features a sound relevant to the title. The "DK" logo is in the lower left corner of the books. They were sold at bookstores, gift stores, news stands, discount department stores and warehouse clubs nationwide, and directly to consumers by phone order from March 2001 through April 2004 for about \$8. The books were manufactured in China.

Problem: The sound maker mounted inside a plastic covering on the last page of the books poses a choking hazard to young children if removed.

What to do: Consumers should take these books away from young children immediately and contact DK Publishing to receive a replacement book of equal value or a refund.

Consumers should contact DK Publishing at (800) 505-4726 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday and between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. ET on Friday, or send an email to recall@dk.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04134.html>

Release Number: 04-135 Coaster Co. of America, Santa Fe Springs, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 22,000 Metal Twin/Twin and Twin/Full Bunk Beds. The recall involves model 2008, 2056, 2256 and 2258 bunk beds. The metal bunk beds were sold in twin/twin and

twin/full sizes. A Coaster Company of America label can be found on the bed frame of the top bunk. The enamel finishes come in blue, black, red, yellow, or white. Furniture stores nationwide sold the bunk beds from June 2000 through February 2004 for between \$150 and \$250. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: A gap between the step of the built-in ladder and the top bunk allows enough room for a child's body to slip through but will not allow for a child's head to pass through. This poses a serious strangulation risk. Federal standards for bunk beds are designed to protect children against entrapment and strangulation.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the bunk beds immediately and call Coaster of America for a free repair kit. For more information, consumers should call Coaster toll-free at (800) 282-9362 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.coastercompany.com



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Release Number: 04-136 Baby Trend, Inc., of Ontario, California is voluntarily recalling about 11,300 "Passport" Strollers. These Baby Trend strollers have the word "Passport" written on both sides of the canopy. Only "Passport" strollers with Model Number 1514, SKN number 190554 and manufacturing dates between July 10, 2003 and November 26, 2003 are being recalled. This information is printed on the lower frame of "Passport" strollers behind the seat.

Babies "R" Us sold the strollers nationwide from July 2003 through February 2004 for about \$29. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The pull-up, black plastic drinking spout can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the stroller and contact Baby Trends, Inc. immediately. Baby Trend will ask the consumer to send a cut-out section of the seat with restraint strap attached. Baby Trend will send the consumer a new replacement stroller. Call Baby Trend toll-free at (800) 328-7363 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit Baby Trend Web site at www.babytrend.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04136.html>

Release Number: 04- Backyard Products™, of Collingwood, Ontario, Canada is voluntarily recalling 47,600 Backyard Products Swings. This recall involves single swings and acrobatic swings sold separately or as part of the Backyard Products wood gym set. Additional options to the gym sets include overhead ladders, slides, swings and forts. A yellow, triangular metal gusset on the gym sets contains the brand name, "Backyard Products™" followed by "Collingwood, ON Canada." Model names and numbers are located on the assembly instructions. Contact Backyard Products or visit their Web site for model names and numbers included in the recall. Swings can be used on other gym sets. Department, toy and discount stores sold the swings nationwide from December 2003 through April 2004 for between \$300 and \$1,200 for the sets. The swings were sold separately from January 2004 through April 2004 for between \$12 and \$16. They were manufactured in Canada.

Problem: Chains on the swing can detach during use and cause the child to fall to the ground and possibly suffer injuries.

What to do: Consumers should not let children use the swings until they have been repaired. Backyard Products will provide consumers with a free, in-home repair kit. Contact Backyard Products toll-free at (800) 841-4351 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04145.html>

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